

Department of the Navy Environmental Restoration Plan For Fiscal Years 1998-2002



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Foreword

Thank you for your interest in the Navy's environmental cleanup programs. I welcome the opportunity to introduce you to our people, the installations and the technologies involved in "Restoring the Future". On the following pages you will see how our Installation Restoration Program — the official title of our cleanup efforts — came to be, the many accomplishments we have achieved over the last 20 years, our planned efforts for the next five years, and our enduring commitment to meet our restoration goals.

The Navy is making great progress toward our goal of cleaning up all our sites by 2014. We welcome your interest and your participation in our Installation Restoration Program. The Navy cleanup team includes many players: our own personnel, our communities (including the regulators), and our supporting contractors. We are all working together to develop solutions and schedules which provide the greatest benefits to all. The new technologies we have developed, supported, and demonstrated are dramatically improving our ability to identify and clean up hazardous waste sites. We are saving money while alleviating risks faster through SMART Cleanup — our strategic approach to a safe environment for future generations.

We will plan, prioritize, and execute the program in open dialogue with regulators and public stakeholders. Our goal is to achieve environmentally protective site close-outs, not simply obligate funds.

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Comment Page

The Department of the Navy (DON) recognizes that cleaning up the Nation's past hazardous waste disposal sites will impact many different segments of the Navy and the Marine Corps from the Remedial Project Managers (RPMs) working on installation investigations and remediations to the research laboratories developing new technologies to assist in the cleanup. We encourage your comments on this Plan. Please mail your comments to the address below, submitting as many pages as necessary. Our goal is to make this plan user friendly and responsive to your needs. Your input is greatly appreciated.

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